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March 17, 2004



Dear Mayor, City Council and Citizens of Beatrice

I am pleased to present to you the 2003 Beatrice Police Department Annual Report. It has been a positive year for the Beatrice Police Department with several projects nearing completion. The software package which operates our records, dispatch center and mobile data computers in the patrol cars, is operating well and we continue to expand our use of this valuable tool. In this report you will also find an update on our wireless enhanced 911 project, which allows us to better locate a cell phone call.

This report will show a decrease in the number of arrests and property crimes reported. We attribute some of this decline to the significant number of criminals sentenced to prison at both the state and federal level following arrests in 2002 and early 2003. Drug activity and, specifically methamphetamine, drives a great deal of the property crime in many communities, ours included. Cooperative efforts in southeast Nebraska, between law enforcement and the SEADE Task Force, has led to many of these arrests.

As we approach 2004, one of our greatest concerns will be the significant budget problems faced by the City. With significant cuts in overtime, equipment and several other accounts, the police department operates on a very tight budget. As cars begin to wear out, mandatory recertification's come due, and the big case potential presents itself, we are concerned about funding. Many communities are faced with this same challenge. Constant reviews of our operation to insure we are being as efficient and effective as possible continue while being as frugal with the tax payers dollar as possible.

I hope that after reviewing this report you will find it helpful and informative. As always, if you have any questions about this report or any other police matter, feel free to contact me or a member of your Department.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chief Bruce E. Lang

## Mission and Goals

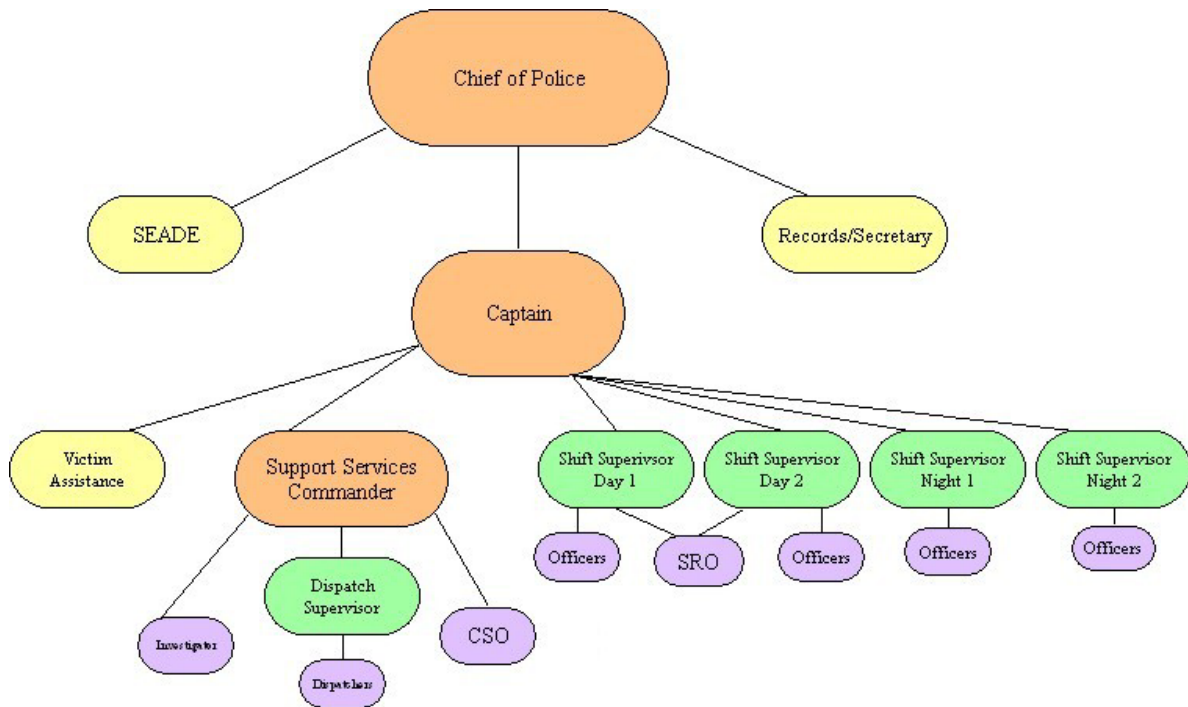
### MISSION STATEMENT

**“The Beatrice Police department will provide service and protection to its citizens through a professional and caring staff of sworn and non-sworn personnel.**

**A strong patrol presence, supported by various other divisions within the department, will be the basis for our crime prevention efforts. Members of the department will work to maintain the standard of living that citizens of Beatrice have come to enjoy.”**

# Admission Statistics Report

## Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart



## 2003 Grants

During this year a total of three grants were approved. The first grant we received was from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety in the form of a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car, outfitted with an in car camera system and radar. In addition to the patrol car, we were also awarded a mini grant to pay for all new equipment to complete the patrol car's requirements. The patrol car and the mini grant were awarded because we had participated in National Operation ABC Mobilization concerning enforcing the usage of seatbelts. As a result of our participation we were able to show the greatest increase in the usage of seatbelts following the enforcement period, when compared with other agencies our size. The first place prize is what we were awarded.

The second grant we were awarded was from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program. The Victim Assistance Program has been beneficial to not only the victims of crime, but also to the law enforcement community. Only good feedback is being received concerning the operation of the Victim Assistance Program.

The last grant we received was from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continued operation of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force. The S.E.A.D.E. Task Force has also proven to be very efficient in the fight against drugs.

A complete break down is shown below:

February	Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awards a 2003 Ford Patrol car and awards a mini grant for \$5400 of additional cruiser equipment.
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Grant Award:	\$32,705
Match Funds:	-0-

September	The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awards a grant for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program.
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Grant Award:	\$33,980
Match Funds:	8,495

October	The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awards a grant for the continuation of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force.
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Grant Award:	\$91,900
Match Funds:	30,634



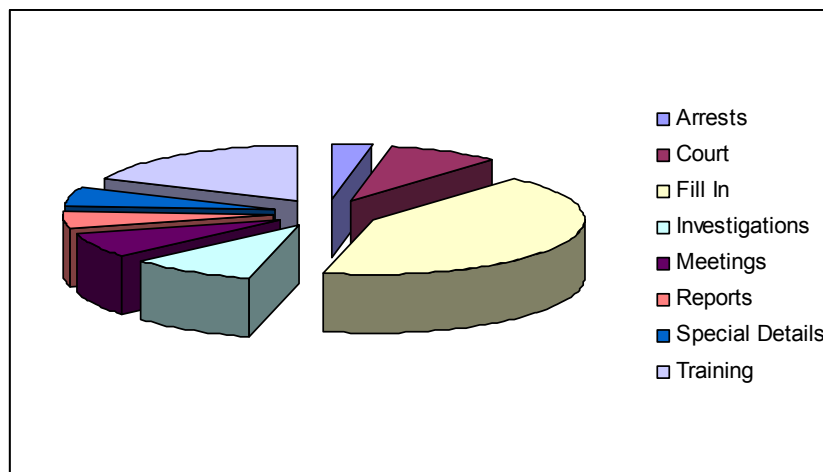
Governor Johannes and Senator Byars presenting cruiser

## Overtime 2003

The total overtime this year reflects an increase of 9.9% over last year. All areas of overtime reflected a decrease, with the exception of arrest, fill in, and training. Of these, fill in had the greatest increase due to the resignation of 2 police officers, 3 full time dispatchers, and 1 part time dispatcher. Fill in for the officers was kept to a minimum by the movement of officers to the effected shifts, keeping all shifts operational. Dispatchers could not be moved around to assist with the vacancies, as that would have left their shift short since we operate with 2 dispatchers per shift. On weekends, when part time dispatchers are utilized to work with 1 full time dispatcher, the other part time dispatcher could not cover all of the hours vacated by the departing part time dispatcher requiring a full time dispatcher to cover those hours. Overall, I feel that the Department has done a very good job of keeping the overtime to an absolute minimum.

### Overtime Totals

Arrests	67.0
Court	184.8
Fill In	917.8
Investigations	212.2
Meetings	156.5
Reports	114.8
Special Details	118.8
Training	397.3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>2169.2</b>





# **Communications**

## Communication Center

This was a tough year for the communication center due to the resignation of 3 full time and 1 part time dispatchers. The dispatchers had to put in quite a bit of overtime to maintain the required level of manpower per shift and to ensure overall efficiency of the communications center. We were able to fill the vacant positions within a reasonable amount of time and are now up to full strength.

Several changes took place during the year affecting the communications center. First of all, Tiering went into effect on January 1. Tiering means that under certain conditions, such as roll over accidents, cardiac arrest, or other trauma incidents, advanced life support is dispatched at the same time that basic life support is dispatched. Generally this involves the dispatching of several agencies, as not all rescue agencies have advance life support training or equipment. By automatically dispatching both services valuable time has been saved by not waiting for the basic life support service to arrive on the scene and then request advance life support for the victim of the incident. The time saved could make the difference between life and death. We had been preparing for this to take place for some time so the transition went very smoothly.

Our new Records Management and CAD software has been installed and is operational. This required training for the dispatchers on the new software and getting used to the different appearance of the software but all has gone very well. Of course, as with any new system, there were some bugs that needed to be worked out, but no major problems have been encountered and we are moving along at an efficient pace.

Wireless enhanced 911 is now being worked on and hopefully will be in operation in about six months from now. Wireless enhanced 911 will reflect the location of the tower that the wireless caller has hit with their signal. The tower will have a shaded area indicating it's area of coverage and thereby indicate that the caller had to be in that area. This is all shown on a map on the computer system and will be a great benefit for us as well as the public when there has been an accident and the caller does not know for sure where they are. This will give the dispatchers the general area the caller has to be in as compared to not having any idea where the call had been placed from. This is known as Phase 1 of the enhanced wireless 911 system. In order to reach phase 1 several steps had to be taken. The first step was to create a master street address guide listing all of the streets and roads in Gage County along with address ranges for each one. The next step was to go to a digital system for our 911 telephone equipment. This enabled us to proceed to the next step which was being placed on our service providers selective router. The selective router directs where the 911 calls are to go based on the location of the telephone placing the call. When the call reaches the designated answering point the computer screen will indicate the correct agencies to be dispatched on the call. Our last step, which has been initiated, is to have the wireless carriers serving Gage County to start providing

the enhanced wireless service to the selective router. After the entire state has completed Phase 1 we will be able to start on Phase 2. Phase 2 will reflect the exact location of the cellular phone placing the call, the registered owner of the phone along with a call back number for the phone. I am expecting that we can start on Phase 2 sometime in the next couple of years.

## ABOUT THE BEATRICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DISPATCHERS

The Beatrice Communications Center employs eight full time dispatchers and two part time dispatchers at this time. Seventy percent of the time there are two dispatchers working as a team. The part timers cover on Saturday and Sunday days with a full timer as well as fill in for vacations and sickness for other dispatchers.

Three full time dispatchers and one part time dispatcher resigned in 2003, Chandra Carnes, Jeri Kuhn, Kelly Hogg and Kim Bryson.

The eight full time dispatchers and dates of hire are as follows:

Dee Fritch	9-30-85
Susan Sullivan	12-21-92
Chris Henrichs	9-18-93
Ed White	9- 6-94
Shelena Maguire	6-11-01
Stephanie Wells	10-16-01
Jamie Hurley	6-19-03
Russ Jobman	11-29-03 (started part time on 6-19-03)

The two part time dispatchers and dates of hire are as follows:

Judie Braun	12-12-87
Aaron Schoen	10-13-03

All dispatchers have their secondary duties to do as well as answering phones, both regular lines and 911 calls, entering calls into the computers, handling both burglar and fire alarms, radio dispatching for all law enforcement, fire and rescue calls in the Gage County area. We also type the officers dictated reports, assist with walk in complaints and work with the NCIC/NCIS terminal nation wide.

With the implementation of the new computer system, we now have the capability to send text messages to the officers via the computer. This has proven to be a very helpful tool for the Communications Center.

The Communications Center entered 22,819 calls in 2003 ranging from animal complaints to attempted suicides, etc. (See Calls for Service list for statistics). We dispatch for Wymore Police Department, Gage County Sheriffs Department and the Beatrice Police Department. We also dispatch for Beatrice Fire and Rescue and Beatrice Rural Fire Department along with eighteen rural responders. On weekends, holidays and nights we also dispatch for the Beatrice Board of Public Works.

All dispatchers are required to remain certified in Emergency Medical Dispatching, CPR and Teletype operations. All of the training with the exception of the mandatory one time, two week training at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, is done in house at the Communications Center.

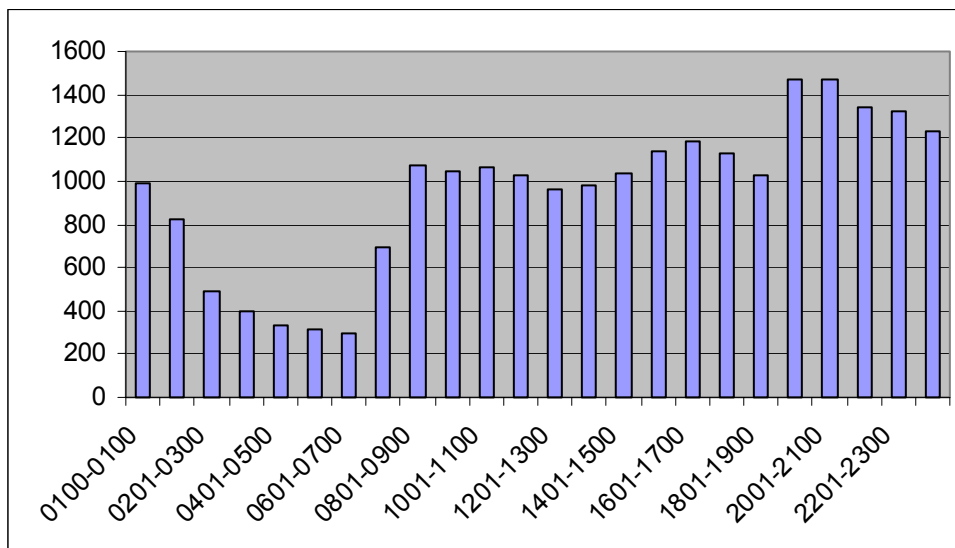
## Calls for Service

911 HANG UP CALLS	314
ACCIDENTS/FATALITY	4
ACCIDENTS/INJURIES	213
ACCIDENTS/NO INJURY	1041
ADULT ABUSE	4
ALARMS	216
ANIMAL BITE	41
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	1147
ANIMAL CRUELTY	76
ARSON	4
ASSAULT	188
ASSIST CITIZEN	361
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	248
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	17
BAR CHECK	32
BARKING DOG	132
BOMB THREAT	1
BPW	252
BURGLAR ALARM	97
BURGLARY	161
CHILD ABUSE	158
CIVIL	178
CRIMESTOPPERS	18
DEATH	74
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5
DISTURBANCE	388
DRUG INFORMATION	72
DRUG VIOLATION	66
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	25
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	93
EPC	17
ESCORT	138
FALSE REPORTING	1
FIELD INTERVIEW	207
FIRE	307
FIRE ALARM	127
FORGERY	26
FOUND ANIMAL	217
FOUND PROPERTY	266
FRAUD	59
GAS DRIVE OFF	98
GENERAL INFORMATION	1116
HARASSMENT	238
HEALTH HAZARD	26
HITCHHIKER	9
INDECENT EXPOSURE	7
INJURY	16
JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES	208
JUVENILE	408
LIQUOR LAWS	61
LOST ANIMAL	132

LOST PROPERTY	136
MENTAL	28
MIP	15
MISSING PERSON	39
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	33
MOTORIST ASSIST	442
NOISE	273
OUT OF UNIT (MISC)	407
OPEN DOOR	96
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	140
PARKING COMPLAINT	407
PROBATION VIOLATION	4
PROPERTY DAMAGE	23
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	50
PROWLER	34
PUBLIC SERVICE	101
PURSUIT	15
RAPE	5
REMOVE PARTY	95
RESCUE	881
ROBBERY	3
RUNAWAY	99
SEADE	75
SEXUAL ASSAULT	36
SHOPLIFTING	35
SOLICITOR	11
SUICIDE	3
SUSPICIOUS	656
TERRORISM	16
THEFT	651
THREATS	72
TRAFFIC HAZARD	137
TRAFFIC STOP	5057
TRANSFER	814
TRASH	72
TRESPASSING	27
TRUANCY	17
UNKNOWN	41
VACATION WATCHES	106
VANDLAISM	533
VEHICLE COMPLAINT	976
WARRANT	224
WATCH	170
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATION	8
WEATHER	28
WELFARE CHECK	459
 TOTAL	 22819

## Calls for Service by Time

0100-0100	985
0101-0200	823
0201-0300	491
0301-0400	397
0401-0500	331
0501-0600	315
0601-0700	297
0701-0800	697
0801-0900	1069
0901-1000	1043
1001-1100	1062
1101-1200	1029
1201-1300	962
1301-1400	978
1401-1500	1034
1501-1600	1134
1601-1700	1181
1701-1800	1128
1801-1900	1025
1901-2000	1471
2001-2100	1470
2101-2200	1340
2201-2300	1326
2301-2400	1231





# Patrol

# Road Patrol

The backbone of all municipal law enforcement agencies is the road patrol. The Beatrice Police Department is no different. Three patrol officers and one supervisor staff the patrol division, on a 24 hour per day seven –days a week schedule. Our officers work 12 hour shifts which affords them with every other weekend off.

While responding to over 16, 700 requests for service each year, we also ask our officers to watch for criminal activity throughout the community, enforce traffic laws, interact with the youth and other citizens, and provide a variety of services to the citizens of Beatrice.

Officer of Beatrice Police Department function under what is known as a generalist police officer philosophy. What this means is that rather than taking reports and then forwarding the case to a detective for follow up, the officer begins the investigation and continues the investigation through its various stages with only minor assistance from support personnel. We believe that this type of approach makes the officer more accountable to the public and also aids in enriching the professional growth of each officer.

Uniformed officers of the department are often the only contact citizens have with the Police Department, and we strive to make sure these contacts are as positive as possible under the circumstances.

We are currently down two officers, with the retirement of Lt. Wiebe , one officer in Grand Island training, and one still off extended sick leave, this leaves staffing within in the road patrol short for the time being. It will take approx. 9 months to get back up to full strength.

## Vehicle Summary

One new police vehicle was purchased at the beginning of the 2003 calendar year. A second new vehicle was brought into the fleet in July of 2003, due to the department winning a grant contest through the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety. This vehicle was outfitted with the latest in technology and presented to the City by Nebraska Governor Johans. Due to this addition we were able to move a high mileage vehicle from patrol duty to use in investigations.

### FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year/Make	Model	Total Miles Driven in miles	Use 2003	
1	2000 Ford	LTD	69837	20249	Patrol
2	2002 Ford	LTD	28638	13014	Patrol
3*	2001 Chevy	Blazer	54794	15663	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003 Ford	LTD	3100	3100	Patrol
5	2003 Ford	LTD	14364	14364	Patrol
6	2001 Ford	LTD	44012	15629	Patrol
7	2000 Chevy	Impala	69282	3865	Administration
8	2000 Chevy	Impala	65125	13921	Investigations
9	1995 Ford	Mustang	51018	1568	Victim Assistance
10^	1988 Chevy	Blazer	104725	219	Patrol/ERT
11	2002 Chevy	Impala	17678	8289	Administration
12	1993 Chevy	Tracker	60847	4962	Animal/Meter
14	1999 Ford	LTD	69403	4067	School/Training
15	1997 Ford	LTD	73078	3466	School Resource

\* This vehicle was totaled in a collision in January 2004 with nearly 59000 miles. It is to be replaced with a 2001 GMC Jimmy.

^ This vehicle was placed out of commission during the first major snowstorm in 2004 and due to its age, it will not be repaired.

Both Chevy Impalas had to have their transmissions repaired outside of warranty.

### VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2003	2002	2001
Maintenance/Repairs labor	6,528.25	7,632.02	5,958.21
Gas and Oil	17,269.74	15,820.77	18,350.21
Maintenance/Repairs supplies	9,687.80	7,586.03	3,932.64

## Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 03/04/2004 13:06  
Login ID: DFITZGER  
Statute: All

From Date: 04/01/2003  
Thru Date: 12/31/2003  
Ticket Type: All

Beatrice Police Department  
ORI Number: NB0340100

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
16-186 Speeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
16-122 Muffler Required	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
16-121 Lights Required on Vehicle	0	0	0	20	15	13	2	0	0	2	2	24	79
16-107 Portions License Plates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
16-105 Plates/Manner of Display	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
16-104 No License Plates	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	11
16-123 Mufflers	0	0	0	12	13	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	33
16-108 Proof of Ownership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
16-102 Registration Required	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
16-23 Motor Vehicle Restraint-Children	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
16-21 Proof of Financial Responsibility-Penalty	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
16-4 Duty to Carry License/Permit	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
16-2 Operators must be licensed	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	10
5-56 Dog and Cats Must Be Licensed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
606-756 Obstruct view of Driver	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>City Ordinance-Equipment Repair Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>City Ordinance-Warning</b>													
23-46 SIDEWALK NOT SCOOPED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
16-77 Traffic Signal Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
16-269 Improper Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
17-161 Loud Stereo	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
23-46 LITTERING	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-271 24 Hour Parking	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	9
16-126 RED FLAG VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
17-171 LOUD STEREO	0	0	0	6	2	7	0	0	1	1	3	1	21
19-14 NO SKATEBOARD HELMET	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
17-163 Barking Dog	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
1-5-1 Soliciting with permit	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
16-153 Failure to Yield to Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
60-4120 POP Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
60-6, 148 Stop Sign Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
17-167 Sorecreching of Tires	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
16-366 Meter Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-273 Prohibited Parking	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
16-274 Obstructing Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
16-267 Left Side Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
16-250 Fail to Yield/Stop Sign	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-249 Stop Sign Violation	0	0	0	6	17	14	1	0	0	1	0	5	44
16-228 One Way Violation	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5

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16-206 Improper Turn	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
16-186 Speeding	0	0	0	59	41	33	2	0	0	3	0	48	176
16-168 Exhibition of Acceleration	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
16-167 Through Traffic in Alley Prohibited	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-166 Negligent Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
16-155 Improper Lane Change	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
16-154 Right of Way-Generally	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-151 Fail to Yield R/W/U/Unmarked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
16-143 Follow Too Close	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-142 Driving Left of Center	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7
16-121 Lights Required on Vehicle	0	0	0	8	5	7	1	0	1	1	1	12	36
16-105 Plates/Manner of Display	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
16-104 No License Plates	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	9
16-123 Mufflers	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	10
16-108 Proof of Ownership	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
16-102 Registration Required	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	12
16-72 Obedience to Traffic Control Device	0	0	0	5	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
16-24 Vehicle Occupant Protection System Requirements	0	0	0	3	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	14
16-23 Motor Vehicle Restraint-Children	0	0	0	9	8	6	0	0	0	2	0	4	29
16-21 Proof of Financial Responsibility-Penalty	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
16-4 Duty to Carry License/Permit	0	0	0	8	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	6	24
16-2 Operators must be licensed	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	17
5-56 Dog and Cats Must Be Licensed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
5-38 Nuisance Dogs	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
5-36 Dog at Large	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
28-707a Child Abuse, intentional/no injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>City Ordinance-Warning Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>527</b>
<b>Equipment Repair-Animal</b>													
17-182 Tash	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-121 Lights Required on Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
5-56 Dog and Cats Must Be Licensed	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	3	5	6	0	0	23
5-36 Dog at Large	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Equipment Repair-Animal Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Warning-Animal</b>													
17-163 Barking Dog	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
5-5 Animals Running at Large	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
5-56 Dog and Cats Must Be Licensed	0	0	0	5	4	0	6	3	3	7	0	0	31
5-36 Dog at Large	0	0	0	9	7	4	9	8	8	8	11	2	62
5-3 Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4

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# Ticket Statistics

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Thru Date: 12/31/2003  
Ticket Type: All

Beatrice Police Department  
ORI Number: NB0340100

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Warning--Animal Totals	0	0	0	15	12	4	17	13	11	12	19	2	105
Citation--Animal													
17-163 Barking Dog	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
16-376 Parking > 2 hr on Meter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
5-56 Dog and Cats Must Be Licensed	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
5-36 Dog at Large	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	4	4	0	15
Citation--Animal Totals	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	2	2	5	5	1	21
Parking--Warning													
16-313 TRUCK ROUTE VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
16-271 24 Hour Parking	0	0	0	3	7	7	7	11	7	11	7	0	60
17-171 LOUD STEREO	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-376 Parking > 2 hr on Meter	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
16-366 Meter Violation	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
16-351 Red Zone Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
16-292 Alley Parking Prohibited	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
16-291 Prohibited Parking	0	0	0	5	0	3	5	3	2	3	1	0	22
16-277 Parking In Restricted Lot	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
16-273 Prohibited Parking	0	0	0	14	8	6	7	3	1	3	3	0	45
16-270 Leaving Vehicle Unattended	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-267 Left Side Parking	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	3	0	0	12
16-228 One Way Violation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
16-186 Speeding	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
16-166 Negligent Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
16-107 Fictitious License Plates	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-104 No License Plates	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-108 Proof of Ownership	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-102 Registration Required	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	5	0	3	17	0	31
16-72 Obedience to Traffic Control Device	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
16-21 Proof of Financial Responsibility-Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
16-2 Operators must be licensed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
5-56 Dog and Cats Must Be Licensed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
5-36 Dog at Large	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Parking--Warning Totals	0	0	0	33	24	20	30	27	17	25	32	2	210
Parking Ticket													
16-269 Improper Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
16-313 TRUCK ROUTE VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
16-271 24 Hour Parking	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	5	4	4	0	0	24
16-376 Parking > 2 hr on Meter	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	8
16-366 Meter Violation	0	0	0	0	5	11	11	31	16	30	0	1	105

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# Accident Tally By Hour/Day Of Week Report

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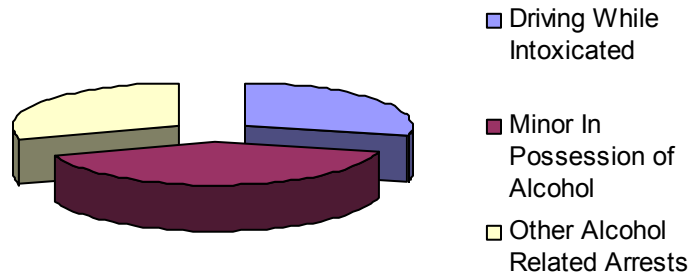
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Hour	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%
0	2	28.60	1	14.30	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	1	14.30	3	42.90	7	1.00
1	1	20.00	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	2	40.00	2	40.00	0	.00	5	1.00
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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7	0	.00	5	41.70	2	16.70	1	8.30	2	16.70	1	8.30	1	8.30	12	2.00
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9	3	10.30	5	17.20	9	31.00	3	10.30	2	6.90	5	17.20	2	6.90	29	5.00
10	0	.00	7	24.10	7	24.10	5	17.20	5	17.20	0	.00	5	17.20	29	5.00
11	5	10.60	7	14.90	6	12.00	10	21.30	6	12.00	5	10.60	0	.00	47	8.00
12	3	5.60	6	11.10	6	11.10	8	14.80	11	20.40	12	22.20	8	14.80	54	9.00
13	5	10.90	11	23.90	7	15.20	8	17.40	3	6.50	7	15.20	5	10.90	46	8.00
14	2	4.40	8	17.80	6	13.30	4	8.90	3	6.70	15	33.30	7	15.60	45	7.00
15	6	8.10	10	13.50	21	28.40	11	14.90	11	14.90	10	13.50	5	6.80	74	12.00
16	4	7.30	4	7.30	8	14.50	11	20.00	5	9.10	15	27.30	8	14.50	55	9.00
17	3	6.40	6	12.00	6	12.00	10	21.30	12	25.50	5	10.60	5	10.60	47	8.00
18	5	17.20	2	6.90	4	13.80	7	24.10	5	17.20	4	13.80	2	6.90	29	5.00
19	1	4.80	3	14.30	2	9.50	3	14.30	3	14.30	3	14.30	6	28.60	21	3.00
20	0	.00	3	12.50	2	8.30	3	12.50	2	8.30	10	41.70	4	16.70	24	4.00
21	2	8.70	1	4.30	4	17.40	4	17.40	5	21.70	4	17.40	3	13.00	23	4.00
22	2	13.30	2	13.30	1	6.70	2	13.30	4	26.70	1	6.70	3	20.00	15	2.00
23	1	9.10	3	27.30	2	18.20	0	.00	2	18.20	1	9.10	2	18.20	11	2.00
24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	49	13.9	90	14.51	100	12.84	97	16.64	87	13.1	106	16.68	78	12.31	607	100

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- The last row indicates average percentage of accidents by day of week.
- This chart includes only accident information gathered since the installation of new software.

## 2003 Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2001	2002	2003
Driving While Intoxicated	102	147	123
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	150	149	172
Other Alcohol Related Arrests	106	64	89
<b>Totals</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>384</b>



# Major Incidents



## Major Crime Report

We have seen an increase in sexual assaults in 2003 of 47%, going from 15 in 2002. We have seen another drop in larceny calls. We have seen a decrease in assaults and burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts are down by 65% this year. Perhaps the thrill has dropped off for awhile.

We continue to see the theft of car stereos and purses from motor vehicles around town, and it seems like it makes no differences if the cars are locked or not. However it does make a difference if the items are in plain view or not. We have seen a slight decrease in thefts from motor vehicles.

One thing that has come to our attention is the influx of methamphetamine in our community. We feel there is a direct connection to many crimes committed in the Beatrice area. The increase in this area is the type of drug cases such as meth labs. Many of the arrests we make for major and minor crimes lead back to the use of methamphetamine.

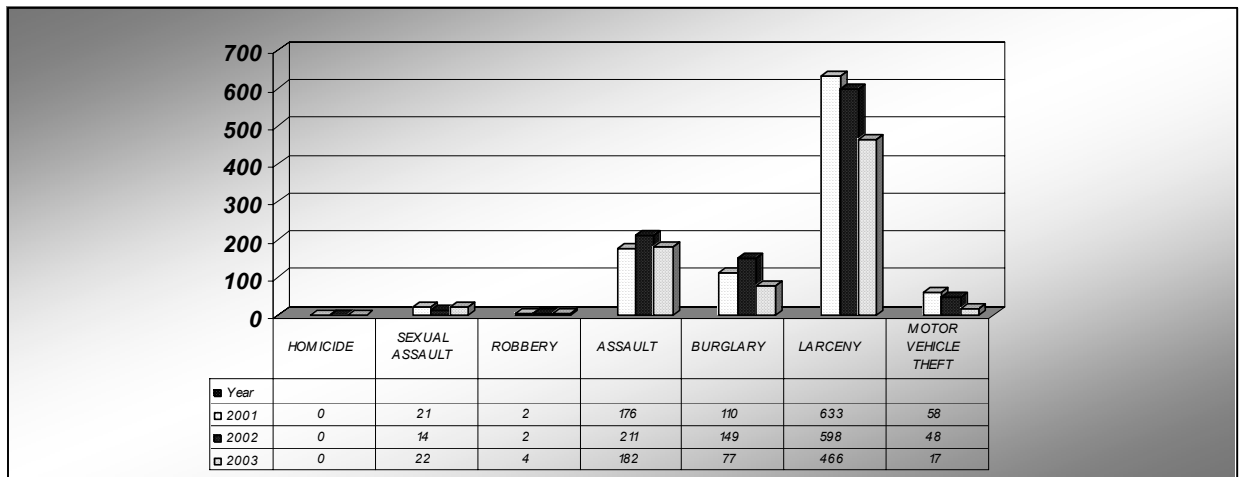
There has been a very good conviction rate for arrests for possession of methamphetamine and we hope to continue to see this conviction rate stay at this level.

Our arrest and conviction rate on all major crimes remains high for the City Of Beatrice.

One good thing is that we have seen a decrease in the number of Juvenile arrests.

## MAJOR CRIMES

OFFENSE	2001	2002	2003
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	21	14	22
ROBBERY	2	2	4
ASSAULT	176	211	182
BURGLARY	110	149	77
LARCENY	633	598	466
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	58	48	17
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>768</b>



### Value of Loss/Recovery

Offense	Loss	Recovered
Burglary	111,981	Total recovered
Theft	145,206	For Burglary/Theft/MVT
Motor Vehicle Theft	26,976	15,252
Vandalism	66,359	
Arson	57,280	

# **I n v e s t i g a t i o n s**

## **Criminal Investigations Report**

The Criminal Investigations unit is responsible for the investigation of cases that are of a complicated or time-consuming nature. These cases normally consist of homicides, suicides, felony thefts and felonious assaults. The Criminal Investigations Unit has one full time investigator and is under the command of the Support Services Commander.

The Beatrice Police Department also has the Crime Scene Team and the Investigation Team. These two teams help with the investigation of major crimes. The Crime Scene team frees up the Investigator to do interviews and follow-up rather than work the crime scene. The Investigation Team can assist when there are several people to be contacted.

During 2003 the Investigations Unit worked on a wide variety of crimes including, sexual assaults, sexual assaults of children, robberies, burglaries, forgeries and death investigations. The most alarming would be the Methamphetamines and the Methamphetamines labs that were located in Beatrice during 2003. A majority of the property crimes can be directly related to the use of Methamphetamines. During 2003 the Investigations Unit was involved with the seizure of two Methamphetamine labs.

The Investigations Unit also saw a jump in the reported embezzlement cases. This trend seems to go hand in hand with the state of the economy. These reports have continued to increase into early 2004.

The Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, and for liquor license applications. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also a member of countywide, Child Abuse/ Neglect Investigative Team, and is the liaison for Gage County Crime Stoppers. The Criminal Investigations Unit also assists the SEADE taskforce.

## Crime Scene Team

This year, for a variety of reasons training was kept to a minimum. Part of the training received applied to the Mobile Command Vehicle we use as a response vehicle for the team. Each member of the team had the opportunity to learn how to start the vehicle and drive it through a series of traffic cones, both forward and backing up. In addition the members learned the correct procedure to use when starting up the on board generator engine and how to operate the generator itself. Correct shut down procedures were also learned for the generator and generator engine. Now all members are qualified to drive the Mobile Command Vehicle to a scene and get the generator powered up.

We had hoped to add mobile data to the vehicle so that we could communicate without being overhead by scanners, however we were not able to do so due to budget restraints. We are now hoping that sometime in 2004 we will be able to do so.

I would like to remind everyone that the Crime Scene Team is made up of volunteers consisting of both sworn officers and civilians. Each member has demonstrated the desire and ability to perform their duties in a very professional and efficient manner and take great pride in their work.

### Crime Scene Team call outs:

- 1/15/03 Team was called out to assist in the execution of a search warrant of a residence for recovery of stolen property.
- 4/8/03 Team was called out to assist in the execution of a search warrant of a residence of suspected drug activity. A methamphetamine lab was recovered at this scene leading to several arrests.
- 4/14/03 Team was called out to assist in the investigation of an apparent suicide in a motor vehicle.
- 4/25/03 Team was called out to assist in the execution of a search warrant of a residence of suspected drug activity. Several items of evidence was recovered which lead to an arrest.
- 8/23/03 Team was called out to assist in the investigation of a suspicious death. It was determined that the death was accidental.

## Arrests

Type of Arrest	2001	2002	2003
Assault	143	171	108
Sexual Assault	3	2	5
Drug Violations	141	132	117
Burglary	17	22	14
Theft	91	76	53
Criminal Mischief	47	34	33
Child Abuse/Neglect	12	10	5
Weapons Violations	9	10	7
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly Conduct	33	21	19
MIP/Procuring	202	149	129
DWI/Refusal	102	147	96
Trespassing	10	10	10
Runaway	24	41	25
Other Arrests	248	354	124
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>746</b>

# Special Services

## BEATRICE/GAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Beatrice/Gage County Emergency Response Team is a multi-agency tactical unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. Currently the unit is made up of members of the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Beatrice Fire and Rescue. Command of an incident falls with the agency head of the jurisdiction where the incident occurs, with the Tactical Team Commander having operational command over the unit. The Tactical Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader are tasked with developing a tactical plan and leading a tactical intervention during an incident, along with developing a training schedule and conduct monthly training.

During 2003, the unit was responsible for serving high-risk drug search warrants for the SEADE drug task force and the Beatrice Police Department, along with the successful resolution of a barricaded suicidal subject who was armed with a high-powered rifle.

The past year has witnessed the retirement of our Tactical Team Commander – Lieutenant Gary Wiebe who had been a member of the Emergency Response Team for 22 years, and responsible for its formation and development. Due to Lieutenant Wiebe's dedication and leadership the unit has evolved into a well-trained and equipped tactical unit. The Assistant Team Leader position was also vacated by Sergeant Phil Dittbrenner who has pursued a career change. Sergeant Dittbrenner had been a member of the unit since 1988.

### Team Member Information;

Team Commander	<i>currently vacant</i>	
Team Leader	Sgt Tony Lenners	Beatrice Police Department
Asst Team Leader	<i>currently vacant</i>	
Team Members	Sgt Jay Murphy	Beatrice Police Department
	Inv Mike Oliver	Beatrice Police Department
	Ofc Wes Henning	Beatrice Police Department
	Ofc Erin Byrne	Beatrice Police Department
	Sgt Anna White	Gage County Sheriff's Office
	Dep Joe Kubicek	Gage County Sheriff's Office
	Dep Chuck Menezes	Gage County Sheriff's Office
Negotiator	Sgt Jerry Lamkin	Beatrice Police Department
Tactical Medics	Mike Massey	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Craig Fisher	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Jake Carel	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Jim Young	Beatrice Fire and Rescue



## Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA federal grant funds and matching in-kind funding by the City of Beatrice and Gage County. The daily operation of duties of the director include but are not limited to direct contact either face to face or phone contact with victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, etc. The director is also responsible for grant writing and keeping track of all statistics for VOCA funding.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention

Personal Advocacy

Compensation Assistance

Jail Release Information

VINE Information/Registration

Parole Information

Victim Impact Statements

Transportation

Property Release

Protection Order Assistance

Restitution Information/Assistance

Criminal Justice Advocacy

911 Cellular Phones

- The Victim Assistance Coordinator has reformatted the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault support group in to a monthly book discussion group in conjunction with the Beatrice Public Library. This group began meeting January 2003.
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator also serves as a Board Member and Treasurer of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets monthly.

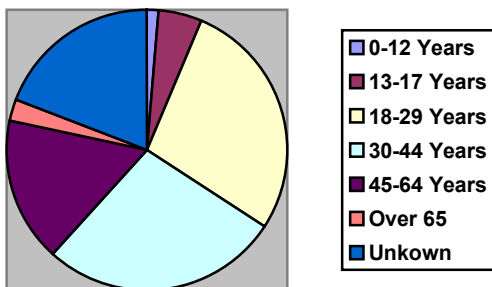
## Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2003

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	55
Personal Advocacy	185
Referral to Shelter/Safe Home	2
Information/Referral (In Person)	65
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	165
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	369
Support Group	0
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	351
Compensation Assistance	6
Transportation	2
Protection order Assistance	77
Cellular Phone Program	21
Property Release	21
Restitution Assistance	141
Victim Impact Statement	115
Parole Information	15
Jail Release	25
VINE Information/Assistance with Registering	27
Other	9
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>1,651</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>311</b>

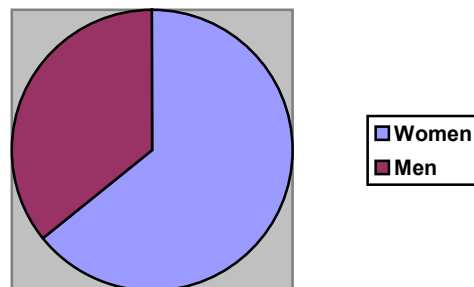
TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	2	Sexual Assault (Adult)	5
Child Abuse/Physical	1	Domestic Violence	67
Child Abuse/Sexual	6	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	0	Assault	37
Robbery	0	Elder Abuse	0
Burglary	17	Business	10
Criminal Mischief	51	Arson	1
Theft	21	Other	138

### DEMOGRAPHICS

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# 2003

## Training summary

The Beatrice Police Department conducts many training seminars at the Police Department on a monthly basis. Some of the training cover our pursuit policy, CPR training for all officers, Defensive Tactics, Tactical Firearms, Radar Certification, OC Aerosol Projector just to name a few. These are all taught by members of the Beatrice Police Department whom have been trained as instructors in each field.

We have attempted to send as many officers to different training schools, during the year in an attempt to keep up with the continuing changing laws, and still maintain a minimum of overtime. This year we had 14 different officers attend training outside the department. There were 15 different training sights where the officers trained The following list consists of the schools attended.

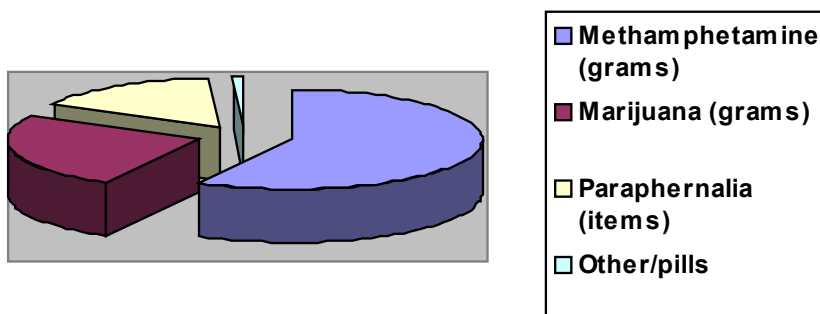
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| 1. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>                      | Omaha Police Department MGIA Midwest gang information                          |
| 2. Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>                      | CPR recertification at the Beatrice Police Department                          |
| 3. Jan 21,22,23                              | Sioux City Iowa Street Survival School   |
| 4. Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>                       | Hastings Police Department, child safety passenger safety advocacy             |
| 5. Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> thru 14 <sup>th</sup> | School Resource Officer South Carolina   |
| 6. Feb 18 thru 19 <sup>th</sup>              | Kearney Police Department CJIS Technology Conference.                          |
| 7. April 7 <sup>th</sup> thru 11             | Grand Island Defensive Tactics Instructor school                               |
| 8. April 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Lincoln, NE. Immigration issues and victims rights.                            |
| 9. April 16- 18 <sup>th</sup>                | Grand Island Phase 11 Technical conference on wireless carriers.               |
| 10. April 21,22,23                           | Grand Island Communication school  |
| 11. April 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | BSDC Grassroots Advocacy works/ seven keys for effective legislative advocacy. |
| 12. April 26, 28                             | New Orleans, La. New World Systems Conference                                  |
| 13. May 5 <sup>th</sup> thru 9 <sup>th</sup> | Sioux City Iowa regional training center Kinesics interview and interrogation  |
| 14. June 9 <sup>th</sup> thru 18             | Grand Island Training Center. Firearms instructor school.                      |

## SEADE REPORT

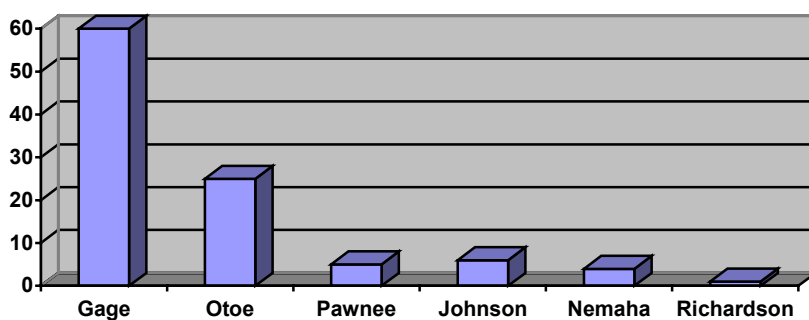
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives matching funds from the six counties that it serves. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the year 2003.

<b><u>Cases Initiated</u></b>	117
<b><u>Confidential Informants</u></b>	10
<b><u>Intelligence Reports</u></b>	143
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	36
<b><u>Drug Buys Initiated</u></b>	24

### Drugs Seized



The SEADE Task Force serves a six county area. Below is a graph demonstrating cases per county.



SEADE has been working closely with the Nebraska State Patrol, DEA, ATF, KBI, Marshall County, KS Sheriff's Department as well as other local agencies to dismantle a large methamphetamine ring in Southeast Nebraska/Northeast Kansas. To date, 31 individuals have been federally indicted. Fifteen of these have either pled guilty or been found guilty of Federal charges of Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine. A teleconference was held with local media and SEADE agencies to release information about the case to the public. SEADE continues to be proactively combat the drug problem by presenting information to local groups concerning the dangers of drug use.

## Bike Patrol

The Beatrice Police Department Bike Patrol logged approximately 75 hours of bike patrol for 2003. This is down from around 100 hours from 2002. This year we continued to patrol parades, the county fair, after school activities, and general crime related details. This is along with regular bike patrol duties.

We purchased new bike patrol uniform shirts that make us more visible at night and are lightweight and cooler during the summertime hours.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Beatrice Public School District and the Beatrice Police Department continue to work hand-in-hand in an excellent relationship with regard to the School Resource Officer Program. This is currently the fifth year of the program and the impact that it has on the students and school staff still shows signs of continued improvement. The overall numbers with regard to criminal activity for the second semester of the 2002-2003 school year and the first semester of the 2003-2004 school year are lower than any previous year of the program, especially in the areas of theft and assault. Due to the fact that less officer time is being utilized responding to criminal activity, more officer time is being used trying to prevent situations from progressing into major problem situations. Student mediation has been used very successfully in the Beatrice High School to defuse potentially dangerous situations from developing between students. Many of the students welcome the chance to get in a room with the person they feel is harassing or threatening them in order to straighten out the situation in a controlled environment and without fear of physical confrontation. In-class presentations by the School Resource Officer have been increasing each year, with the types of classes being spoken to also expanding. No longer are in-class presentations limited to Constitutional law and the Bill of Rights, and things related to that. Math classes, English Classes, and even Shop courses have begun to embrace the SRO program and have encouraged police involvement in their classrooms for certain lesson plans. Continued SRO training has been supported by the school district, and this has allowed a wider variety of lesson plans to be incorporated into the classroom setting by the SRO. In addition, community organizations have become interested in the SRO program and have requested presentations so that they understand it better. This is important as the 2004-2005 school year is the last year of the grant agreement between the Beatrice Police Department and the Beatrice Public School District.

The Beatrice Middle School is having a particularly great year with very few criminal activities being reported. This is allowing the School Resource Officer time to get to know the students better through various programs, in-class talks, and various "celebration" events that the school sponsors for well-behaved students. Beatrice Middle School administration reports that there is still the usual amount of behavior violations with regard to the school discipline policy, but that actual criminal acts are very rare. This shows consistent improvement over the last several years.

The Beatrice High School also has a lower number of criminal activities during this time frame. Theft cases are down dramatically, especially in the locker room area which has been a consistent trouble spot. Programs initiated with the assistance of the students have resulted in better security of the area and the reporting of suspicious behavior. Locker break-ins are down approximately 75%, which is rather significant.

The SKILLS program, located across from the Beatrice Middle School, has benefited from the use of the SRO program as well. The number of criminal acts occurring at this location have not changed dramatically, however they are somewhat lower. The SKILLS program benefits mainly from a fairly quick response from either street officers, or the SRO if he is on duty at the Beatrice Middle School. Many issues are more advice-based, and the SKILLS program teachers contact the SRO on a regular basis to discuss certain issues or to discuss concerns regarding possible criminal activity in the community with regard to their students.

Overall, the SRO program shows continued improvement and great support from the teachers, administrators, and the District Office. The program will continue to thrive given the overwhelming support it has enjoyed so far.